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In re the Application of:

Angelos KYRLIDIS, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/654,182

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Examiner: Arun S. Phasge

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 15, 2002

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement is in response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2002, for which the Examiner has set a one-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before February 15, 2002.

Prior to the substantive examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended claims with markings to show the changes made is also attached.)

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